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MELCHOR

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FOR ADMIRAL GAYLER FROM HABIB

1. AS YOU MAY KNOW, FOLLOWING THE RECENT COLLAPSE OF THE JIDDA TALKS, MARCOS HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE MINDANAO SITUATION IN TWO SPEECHES. IN BOTH, HE HAS EMPHASIZED THE SUPPORT WHICH THE INSURRECTION HAS RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES. WE CAN ASSUME THAT IN ADDITION TO LIBYA HE IS POINTING THE FINGER AT MALAYSIA, AND ONLY HOPE THAT THE DESIRE TO KEEP ASEAN UNDISTURBED WILL INHIBIT MORE DIRECT PHILIPPINE CHARGES AGAINST KUALA LUMPUR.

2. MY OWN CONCERN IS THAT DURING HIS HONOLULU VISIT, MELCHOR MAY TRY TO LAY THE GROUND FOR MORE DIRECT U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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INVOLVEMENT IN THE MINDANAO TROUBLES. I HAVE IN MIND THE

WORDING OF OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY: "ARTICLE III - THE PARTIES, THROUGH THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS OR THEIR DEPUTIES, WILL CONSULT TOGETHER FROM TIME TO TIME REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS TREATY AND WHENEVER IN THE OPTION OF EITHER OF THEM THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, POLITICAL

INDEPENDENCE OR SECURITY OF EITHER OF THE PARTIES IS THREATENED BY EXTERNAL ARMED ATTACK IN THE PACIFIC." "ARTICLE IV - EACH PARTY RECOGNIZES THAT AN ARMED ATTACK IN THE PACIFIC AREA ON EITHER OF THE PARTIES WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO ITS OWN PEACE AND SAFETY AND DECLARES THAT IT WOULD ACT TO MEET THE COMMON DANGERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES . . "

3. PHILIPPINE EFFORTS DIRECTED AT GETTING ADDITIONAL WEAPONS FOR THE MINDANAO CAMPAIGN OR ENROLLING THE U.S. IN PRESSING MALAYSIA TO CEASE AND DESIST WOULD BE ABOUT EQUALLY AWKWARD FOR US. I HOPE YOU CAN AVOID GETTING INTO ANY DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS. KISSINGER

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